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Mr. Chairman and committee members, for the record I am Chris Smith, Deputy Director of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP).

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks supports this bill. This bill simply amends current law to include rivers and streams to those water bodies within or partly within 10 miles of the boundary of Montana that may be fished by license holders of neighboring states that have a reciprocal agreement allowing licensed Montana anglers the same privileges in the neighboring state. Currently we do not have a reciprocal agreement with any of the neighboring states. Neighboring states would need to adopt similar legislation before we could enter into such agreements. Currently Wyoming has a similar law, but it would have to be amended somewhat to allow them to enter into a reciprocal agreement with us.